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Mills Opening.

The number of southern senators who are voting for the tariff bill amendments in the senate proposed by the Republicans is a practical, definite assurance that the bill will pass the senate without much trouble. The result is that manufacturers are beginning to prepare for starting their plants and running them again on full time. News came from the east yesterday that a large number of carpet factories would ring their bells again and thus call their idle workmen to employ. The opening of 68 carpet mills means a great deal to American labor. That number of mills cannot do business without causing other mills producing other goods to open and these in turn will stimulate others and so it will go on until the whole lump is leavened and the demand for American labor which was destroyed by the Democratic free trade policy of Grover Cleveland and a congress in sympathy with him, will be restored.

If the assurance that a protective tariff bill will be passed stimulates the opening of mills it follows that protection is the true American policy if we propose to apply the same rules to the nation that we apply to business or family affairs, namely, to live within ourselves as near as possible. Those who have invested their capital in mills and machinery demonstrate by opening, upon the prospect of a protective tariff bill passing, that they have no doubts in their minds as to the beneficial effects of protection. It is useless to talk to these men of free trade "producing a healthy growth of our manufacturing industries," as free traders have claimed it would. The Democrats did not approach free trade but lowered the tariff below the point of protection and instead of any kind of growth in our manufacturing interests there was a general closing down of mills and relegating millions of American workmen to idleness and want. The manufacturer understands the effect of protection as a matter of business and free trade theories have no effect on him. He knows that protection means prosperity because it puts about American manufacturers a safeguard against the products of cheap labor from abroad.

The free silverites professes to believe that prosperity cannot come to our people unless we adopt the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, but the practical manufacturer don't believe a syllable of such rot. He understands that it is not more money that the country needs, but a condition which will warrant them in resuming the business of manufacturing and that condition will be brought about by the enactment of a protective tariff. The manufacturer can borrow all the money he wants to do business on at a profit at a lower rate of interest than he could eight or ten years ago and that he could borrow it no cheaper under the free coinage of silver. He does not want the money of the country put in condition which would unsettle values and render it dangerous for him to do business. The people who make business go in this country are the men who have ability to use capital where it will employ labor and the judgment of one such man on the question of what will bring prosperity is worth a whole army of free silver howlers who never had ability to employ labor.

Hon. J. H. Walker, representative in congress from Massachusetts, in a recent speech on the floor of the house, said: "The farmer is equally interested with the mechanic in the protection of our home market. The value of the home market to the farmer is nowhere shown any more conclusively and the Democratic free trade assertions more conclusively proven untrue than by the United States treasury statistical abstract. The consumption of our farm products by our people reached its maximum in 1893. Passing over 1893, the year of the panic, and taking 1894, it shows that more than 51 per cent more pounds of our raw cotton were consumed by our own people in 1893 under the Republican tariff than in the year 1894 under the threat of a Democratic free trade tariff; that more than 78 per cent more wheat was consumed by our people in 1893 than in 1894; that more than 53 per cent more corn was consumed by our own people in 1893 than in 1894; that more than 40 per cent more pounds of wool were consumed in 1893 than in 1894." Yet in face of such facts as these thousands of farmers permitted themselves to be gulled into the notion that the low price of farm products was due to want of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, instead of the desirability of the demand for farm products, by buying goods from abroad instead of manufacturing them ourselves, by the Cleveland administration. Little workmen can not buy any silver.

Some prominent擎的 bankers are afraid the passage of the new tariff bill

will induce our people to build more factories and overstock the country. It never occurs to such a broker that with our mills idle as the result of the Wilson bill that the country is overstocked with mills and that before the people who passed that measure there were not too many mills. They also are blind to the fact that when this country is building mills the farmers get good prices for their products and when the mills are idle farm products are low.

Senator Gorman told the president a few days ago that the new tariff bill would pass the senate by June 20. This is perhaps a little earlier than that desirable event will take place, but there is plenty of assurance that it will not be delayed much longer.

It is reported that Speaker Reed is gathering some choice phrases from the scriptures to fire at the depraved Philistines represented by such men as Sockless Stimson.

The recent advance in iron is taken as one of the unerring signs of the advent of conditions under the new tariff bill which will bring prosperity to our people.

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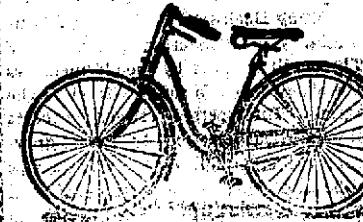


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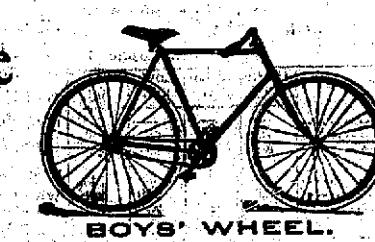


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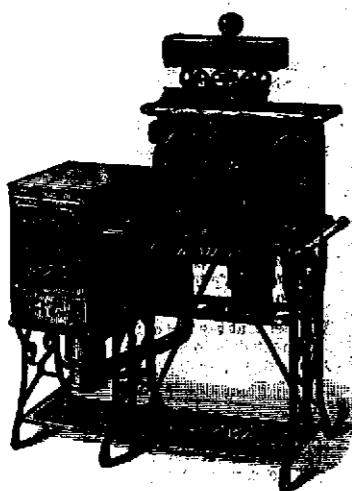
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LOCAL NEWS.

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Kola Vena is the most invigorating drink, sold only at Irwin's.

P. O. D. of A. will meet at their hall on North Main street Friday evening, June 11.

First \$3 excursion to Chicago via Illinois Central Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20. —8:45

Rev. L. Field of the U. B. church will presch Sunday at Elwin at 11 a. m. and at Boddy at 8 p. m.

Two dollars to Chicago and return on Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20, via Illinois Central railroad.—8:45

First of the season only \$3 round trip, via I. C. railroad, Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20.—8:45

Grand Free Entertainment every night at Powers' Grand Opera House. The International Vaudeville Company. 23-dow

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent cigar, made by John Weigand. Moh 85 if.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by John Weigand are the best in town, moh 85 if.

Extremely low prices on buggies and carriages for a short time only. Leon & Morris, 186 East Wood street.—8:45-dow

The members of the Dorcas society will have dinner next Monday, circus day, in the vicent room next to Powers' shoe store, south side of Central park.

The Reed & Sons piano was selected and used at the high school commencement today. This excellent instrument is on sale at the Prentiss Music House.

Dan Culp for pumps, force pumps, lift pumps, wood pumps, chain pumps, and water elevators, 223 N. Main st. Durfee & Culp. May 25-dif

The first commencement carriage drove up to the stage entrance of the Grand this morning at 7:45, and four "sweet girl graduates" in white alighted and strolled across the pavement.

You will never be disappointed in life if you will, but remember that to get everything you desire in vegetables or fruit call 344, Pearl Oyster & Fish company. Consult their telephone card.—8:45

First of the season. \$3 excursion to Chicago via Illinois Central on Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20. Tickets good going on 7:10 a. m. and 11:55 a. m. trains of Saturday and Diamond Special of Sunday morning. Tickets limited to return on June 20.—8:45

Gents, now is the time to look up your spring suit of clothes or overcoat and have them re-dyed, cleaned or pressed in first-class style by people who are experts and practical dyers and cleaners at Miller's Steam Dying and Dry Cleaning establishment, 145 North Main street.

The gross earnings of the Illinois Capital from traffic for the month of May, are estimated at \$1,794,469, an estimated increase of \$150,000 over the same month of last year. For the ten months ended April 30, the excess receipts of the road over operating expenses and taxes were \$68,046, a decrease of \$67,485 over the same period of the preceding fiscal year.

Don't thin your blood with sassafras or poison it with blue-moss; but aid Nature by using DeWitt's Little Early Elixer, the famous little pills for constipation, biliousness and stomach and liver troubles. They are purely vegetable. A. J. Stoer & Son, Armbruster Bros. and N. L. Krohn.

Garden Seeds.
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May 31-dim

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The following merchants sell it:

Hoffman & Son. May Bro.

Drothick Bros. Robt. McNamee.

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Henry Lyon. H. Meyer.

J. H. Smiley. McNamee & Fulton.

C. C. Radich. Schie & Oehler.

W. H. Shaffer. I. N. Ochs.

J. H. Wheeler. Weisgerber & Knapp.

W. H. Howard. D. Arnsperger.

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 Is the finest flour sold in the City of Decatur. It has no equal for making good bread. If you want the Best Flour made use HINKLE'S BEST. If you can't get it call up

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COMMENCEMENT DAY

Thirtieth Annual Graduating Exercises of the Decatur High School.

EIGHTY-SEVEN MEMBERS OF CLASS OF '97.

Motto: "Finis Coronat Opus"--Grand Opera House
Crowded to the Doors--A Bright Day for the
Glad Anniversary--Alumni Reunion at
Guards Armory To-Night.

The thirtieth annual commencement exercises of the Decatur High School were held this morning beginning at 9 o'clock at Powers' Grand opera house, and were attended by hundreds of persons. Long before the hour for opening the doors a large crowd was in front of the entrance and when the doors were thrown open the people poured into the theatre and filled the house. There were hundreds of persons who were unable to find even standing room and when any left their places were immediately filled by others. About 400 seats on the lower floor were reserved for the relatives and friends of the graduates to whom invitations had been sent and the other parts of the house were free to the public. On account of the heat and the large number of persons present part of the house was suffocating and a number of ladies fainted and were carried out.

The graduating class of 1897 is the largest that has ever before left the high school. It numbered 87, there being 55 girls and 32 boys. The class as a whole was a brilliant one and it were many particularly bright students. The opera house had been beautifully decorated for the occasion by the members of the junior class of the school. On each side of the stage were arranged large palms and vases of flowers and suspended from the top was the class motto, "Finis Coronat Opus." The letters were blue and yellow, the class colors, and over them were the figures '97. Superintendent Gastman and the members of the board of education, D. S. Shellabarger, Mrs. George D. Haworth and J. F. Roach, Prof. Sheppard and the other members of the faculty, and Rev. D. F. Howe and

THE SALUTATORY.

The salutatorian Charles Moore Steele spoke as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen: In the name of the class of '97 it gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome you to the thirtieth annual commencement exercises of the Decatur high school.

Twenty-nine years ago less than 100 people gathered to witness the graduation from the Decatur high school of a class of four young ladies. Today this house is crowded with the friends of a graduating class numbering more than that of any other city of the size of Decatur. We have spent four long years in the old high school and as we come before you this morning we feel especially grateful to you in the part you have taken in making the high school a success. You have sustained our school and you have given your most hearty support to the untiring efforts of our principal who has been on the alert to create a school spirit. We trust that this school spirit may continue to become more manifest and that it may help others as it has helped us to see the vast amount of good that may come from the high school and that it may assist them in attaining a higher position in life than they could reach without it.

In concluding his oration Mr. Steele said: "The task now before the members of the convention was to secure the ratification of the constitution by the states; not a light work, not the easy thing we who have long enjoyed the blessings of the constitution might imagine it to be. The people were jealous for the power of their own states. This jealousy was deep rooted; it was the growth of more than a hundred years. The colonies had possessed nothing in common but hardships and the revolutionary war was the only instance in which this brought them very closely together. Take it all in all it is probable that in every one of the states there was, at the time the constitution was first presented, a majority opposed to it. It was the task of a comparatively small number of men to win over this majority. The people must be convinced that their country's gain would be their gain and it was no easy task to convince men who had made up their minds in advance that they did not want to be convinced. But the members went back to their states with the determination to succeed, and with success as their aim they labored incessantly for the adoption of the constitution. The country was flooded with pamphlets arguing for and against the constitution, but foremost among these appeared the "Federalist," the joint production of Madison and Hamilton. Through this publication was felt the most prominent influence in favor of the American constitution.

"In December came the ratification by Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. And one by one, after bitter conflict and hard struggle in their respective conventions, all of the states had ratified the work of the convention and that constitution which is recognized as the grandest work ever struck off by the brain and purpose of man was laid down as the bulwark of the American republic. Thus we see emerging from the darkness of the most critical period in American history the grand old ship of state which will forever guarantee to its passengers the perpetuation of those immortal principles so valiantly sustained by the brave soldiers of the revolution, the principles of independence and liberty."

CLASS HISTORY.

The class history was given by Miss Cordelia Williams. She told what the members of the class had done from the time they entered the high school until their graduation and related many interesting and amusing incidents which marked the career of the students in the school. She said that the class entered the high school on September 8, 1892, and numbered 91 girls and 68 boys. The first few weeks were full of trials and troubles but the freshman year was a pleasant one for the class. In the sophomore year there were 78 girls and 48 boys. This was considered an important year. At this time the high school orchestra was organized and the new feature of having lectures at the school every Monday morning was instituted, and the students took up studies which required much hard work. The historian mentioned as one of the most interesting incidents of the senior year the exercises attending the presentation by the students and teachers to the high school of the trust of Superintendent Gastman. It was spoken of as a privilege such as no other class had the opportunity to enjoy. During the year

the seniors entertained the juniors at the home of Col. J. M. Clokey and in return the juniors gave a reception to the seniors at the Guards' armory. An entertainment was also given at the home of D. S. Shellabarger, and another by the members of the class a week ago. The tragic death of Clarence Eberly was referred to as the heaviest grief which fell upon the class.

In closing the history of the class Miss Williams said: "In behalf of Mr. Shepard I will say that he has been exceedingly kind to us. Many a time when we felt that we had unsurmountable difficulties he would give us sympathy and courage and it is through his influence that we have what was sadly lacking before this time, a true class spirit. He has made us feel that he has our personal interests at heart and that in him we have not only a teacher, but a friend. The average age of the members of this class is 17 years and 6 months. The oldest is aged 20 and the youngest is aged 15. Their average height is 4 ft. eleven and a fraction inches and if they were stood on top of one another the top would be at an altitude of 488 feet and 8 inches. Their average weight is 131 pounds, 86 ounces and 5 drams. Thirty-three of the members have brown hair, 29 black hair, 21 light hair, and one has red hair. Forty-five members have blue eyes, 14 brown eyes and 11 grey eyes. There are 56 Republicans, 15 Democrats, 1 Prohibitionist, 1 Independent and 8 have no politics at all.

"This ends the brief history of the four years we have spent in the high school and it is with sincere regret that we realize that we meet as a class for the last time, and each go their way to take part in the affairs of life. May 'The End Crown the Work' of each individual with the same honor and credit that has crowned their work as members of the class of '97."

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does not stop with the nation but affects the individual as well. Often we are inspired by reading a book written by some great-souled, pure-minded man or woman. Unfortunately this influence is not always the best. Some minds have been dwarfed by the reading of bad books the same as others have been broadened and elevated by the reading of good books.

But the good effects have generally outweighed the bad and always will. In closing her address Miss Flint spoke as follows:

"We are not only kept in touch with the thoughts of the present age by our magazines and newspapers, but through the literature of the various countries we are given the productions of the great minds of centuries past and gone. We are as well acquainted with the great epics of Homer and Virgil as were the ancient Greeks and Romans and the beautiful little songs of Burns belong to us quite as much today as they did to the people of Scotland over a hundred years ago.

"Sitting by our own fire-side we can almost hear the roar of guns and boom of cannon coming from the battle of Waterloo, or by the mere turning of a leaf the horrors of the Inquisition and the terrible scenes of the French revolution seem to be enacted within the walls of our own room. We not only know what the people of long ago did, but also what they fail, and through their experience, recorded in their literature, we have learned lessons worth remembering."

"Oh! blessed letters that combine in one All ages past and make us live with all; By you we do concur with who are gone, And the Dead—living unto counted call! By you the unborn shall have communion Of what we feel and what doth us baffle."

CLASS PROPHECY.

The class prophecy was delivered by Robert Schudel. It was of more interest

Sid. Biddekk and Beside Sanne, members of the board of education; Nellie Keeley, inventor of a matrimonial machine successfully tried by Mollie Gruber and Eva Majors; Isa Kincaid and Minnie Halmshaus, new women; Ben Hoffman, invader; Madge Fenton, Jessie Frew and Hortense Lyde, remained in Decatur; Josephine Waggoner and Emma Muthbaugh, farming; Beside Spalding, novelist; Litta Tobey, lawyer; Mamie Green and Josephine Kerr, hunting for the north pole; Ada Rainey and Jeanette Drake, traveling saleswomen; Harry Garver, insurance agent; Alice De Courcy and Laura McNeil, Prohibitionists; Fred Neidermeyer, living in China; Nellie Merrivether was a nun; Emma Bean, a professor; Lida Smets and Berrie Oakes, policemen; Edith Montgomery, grieved herself to death on the women's rights question; Lilia Warrick was married; Silvester Wilhelmy, founder of a bachelor's home, Ralph Cruzan, wife; Myrtle Owens and Sadie Athens were governors of Cuba and Hawaii; Robert Maffit, contracting for ice in the Arctic seas; Nora and Ida Graham, married to senators; Ruth Hoyland, owner of a silver mine; Walter Mills, a great general; Adelle Blackstone and Beside Lutz, composer; Wayne Williams was found to be the greatest orator in the country.

CLASS POEM.

The following is the poem which was composed and delivered by the Class Poet, Charles Record:

Time may bring pleasures or sorrowful tears

And life in darkness cast,

Yet the memories of my high school years

Will be sacred to the last.

I shall remember them in my daily life

Their fruits I use each hour,

In my daily task and humble strife

They'll be a bulwark and a tower

The'll baffle back the rolling tide

Of rude and lowly thought;

My thoughts and knowledge are my pride

And joy, and gifts these years have brought,

And now we leave this happy class

Of which each is a part,

Now we break the vital grasp

That reaches to the heart.

A feeling that has entwined us 'round

And grown for four long years,

A feeling in each heart is found,

Too deep for words or tears.

Though storms assailed us on our voyage,

And seemed to drive all joys away,

The help of classmates gave us courage

And made dull work lightsome play.

We got from out these trifling troubles,

Values that we could not then see,

Then they seemed but worthless bubbles

Now they're jewels that brightly gleam.

We could see, through the mist, brightly gleaming

Our crown awaiting, golden and fair.

We have followed its glorious beamings

And have cast our anchor there

And now with pride and joy today

For the task accomplished, that none did shirk,

We are wearing the crown awarded us pay,

For the end has crowned the work.

Shout aloud, all ye classmates,

Throw your tasks and books away

Each one help to merrymake,

For this is our commencement day.

Dear friends, if our looks are happy and gay,

And our faces smiling and bright,

Within each breast there is stored away

Thoughts that are as gloomy as night.

As we hear the waves of life's ocean,

Beating with ceaseless throb,

Our hearts filled with aching emotions,

Bob back with breaking sobs.

We feel that the ties of friendship

Cemented by four long years,

Are aching, when with quivering lips,

We bid good-bye in tears.

As we float out on life's restless waves,

As they toss and surge and swell,

We trust in Him who alone can save

As we wave our last farewell!

THE VALEDICTORY.

The Valedictorian, Wayne C. Williams, preceded his valedictory address with an oration on the subject "The College of the People." In his discussion he dealt with the future development of the high school. He gave its history and traced the growth of the high school when it became the greatest school for popular education in America. It prepares the great mass of young people for life, at least in a certain sense. Yet, he said, the school has only taken its first steps in the growth toward a great school which educates broadly the mass of young people. He described the present age as one of scientific inquiry when men submit the goodness of a cause or thing to the test of reason; utility is the test of excellence. Education should be placed on a scientific basis, as other institutions are now being established. Above all the high school should be scientific in method and arrangement.

The school in its relation to the entire educational system should have a basis of unity that the student may pass freely from one institution to another. The course should be broadened and extended to six years.

In its relation to the individual the school must satisfy his intellectual desires in the last degree. He must there find opportunities for the expression of his tastes and his individuality. Such an arrangement of the high school course will be scientific and practical.

The closing of the oration was as follows:

"Then all hail to this modern college of the people. It is demanded by the masses and in its broadest sense will it come. Intelligence is necessary to citizenship in a free nation, and the future safety of our

CLASS ORATION.

Miss Myrtle Flint, the class orator, spoke on "Literature and Life." She mentioned that it had often been said that "the greatest thing in the world is man and the greatest thing in man is mind, and that to this might be added that the greatest thing in mind is thought. Expressions of human thought are seen everywhere. All that is not of divine creation is but the realization or expression of thought." The speaker said it was not the beautiful things, such as paintings, that were the highest development of human thought but that there must be something higher—the world's literature. All of the forms, influences and circumstances which affect the life of any age or people are found to be reflected upon the literature. One of the most obvious forces on literature is that of race." After going into details on this point the speaker said that there were also other influences. One was that of the different periods of national political condition of the country, and another influence which is reflected in literature is the character of the natural or physical environments of the people. Thus we see how great an influence life has upon literature but even more important and certainly more practical is the influence of literature upon life. Just as the forces of life mould and form the literature, the latter influences not only the lives of the people but often whole nations. As illustrations were mentioned Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the influence of the books of the present day on the people, and the influence of the articles which are published in the reviews and magazines. The influence of literature

Rev. W. H. Penhalligan were seated at the front of the stage. The graduates were seated behind them and the stage was elevated so that every person could be seen from the audience. The girls in their white dresses and the boys in their black suits made a very pretty picture.

The program opened with music by the mandolin club and an invocation by Rev. Mr. Howe. This was followed by a class song, after which the speakers and other numbers were given. The piano solo by Miss Adele Blackstone and Miss Beside Lutz were excellently rendered and the vocal selection by Miss Lillian King was unusually well given. The orations, a synopsis of each of which is given below, were all splendidly delivered. Roy

From you we have received our education and we feel it our duty to return to you the fruits of the knowledge we have gathered, and the best way in which we can show our gratitude is by living honest, upright, cultured lives and by being true, patriotic American citizens. Such is the aim of the class of '97 of the Decatur high school.

At the conclusion of his salutatory address Mr. Steele gave an oration on the subject "The Critical Period in American History." He said that in 1873 when Great Britain ratified the treaty which recognized the independence of the United States this country was entering upon a period fraught with the greatest dangers to the govern-

ment, a period filled with events whose decisive results have had a most lasting effect upon American history. The speaker then turned to the early history of the American republic. He said that when peace was declared between England and the United States the latter was not a union of states but a league of thirteen commonwealths held together by the articles of confederation which gave to congress so little power that it was impossible for that body to make laws or levy tax which the states were bound to respect. As a result the states always disagreed. Congress was unable to collect taxes and consequently could not raise the money needed to run the government. The nation came to be ignored by the powers who would some day tremble at the mandates issued under the stars and stripes. These conditions caused such men as Washington, Hamilton and Madison to urge the people to strengthen the Federal government. The speaker then referred to the financial troubles of the country when valueless paper money was issued by the states, and gave a description of Shay's rebellion which was one of the results. Mentioned as one of the most important questions of this period was that of public land when the great northwest territory was opened up to immigration. This might be made to yield enough to more than pay the cost of the war, but the development of the territory made commercial problems more perplexing than before. A convention was held for the purpose of establishing a uniform system of legislation for commerce but as all of the states were not represented there was no immediate result. Dissolution and anarchy were threatened. In Virginia the people became to dread anarchy more than centralization. They were first to elect delegates to a convention which was afterward held and at which all the states except Rhode Island were represented. George Washington was elected the president of the convention and the members proceeded to the work of perfecting the American government. After four months of work a constitution was made which would give strength and unity to the republic.

The class oration was given by Miss Cordelia Williams. She told what the members of the class had done from the time they entered the high school until their graduation and related many interesting and amusing incidents which marked the career of the students in the school. She said that the class entered the high school on September 8, 1892, and numbered 91 girls and 68 boys. The first few weeks were full of trials and troubles but the freshman year was a pleasant one for the class. In the sophomore year there were 78 girls and 48 boys. This was considered an important year. At this time the high school orchestra was organized and the new feature of having lectures at the school every Monday morning was instituted, and the students took up studies which required much hard work. The historian mentioned as one of the most interesting incidents of the senior year the exercises attending the presentation by the students and teachers to the high school of the trust of Superintendent Gastman. It was spoken of as a privilege such as no other class had the opportunity to enjoy. During the year

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LASS POEM.

owing in the poem which was and delivered by the Class Record: bring pleasures or sorrowful tears in darkness cast, memories of my High school years sacred to the last, member them in my daily life, I use each hour; my tank and humble strife to be a bulwark and a tower he back the rolling tide and lowly thought; his and knowledge are my pride, and gift three years have brought, we leave this happy class each is a part, break the vital clasp attached to the heart, that has entwined us 'round town for four long years, in each heart is found, p for words or tears. terms assailed us on our voyage, seemed to drive all joys away, or classmates gave courage dark work lightsome play. out these trifling troubles, that we could not so deem, it seemed but worthless bubbles say to those that brightly gamed, see, through the mist, brightly awaiting, golden and fair, followed its glorious beaming we cast our anchor there. with pride and joy today task accomplished, that none did ink, wearing the crown awarded as pay, the end has crowned the work. and, all ye classmate, your books away help to merry-make, is our commencement day. ends, if our looks are happy and gay, our faces smiling and bright, each breast there is stored away that are as gloomy as night. on the waves of life's ocean, with ceaseless throb, are filled with aching emotions, back with breaking sobs. that the tie of friendship lasted by four long years, being, when with gushing lips, said good-bye in tears. lost out on life's realms waves, by toes and surge and swell, in him who alone can save wave our last farewell!

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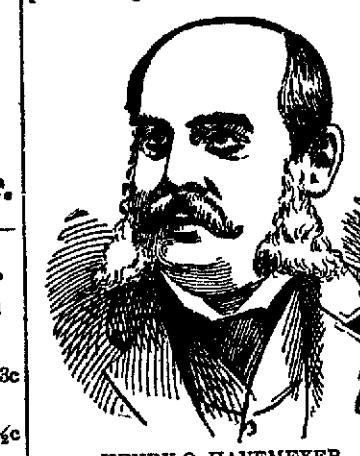
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Henry O. Havemeyer, who was put on trial recently for being in contempt of the United States Senate, is the king of the sugar industry in America. He is the last remaining prominent man of the family that has accumulated untold wealth by the refining and sale of sugar to the American people. He is the chief heir of the millions that have been earned by the family of Havemeyers, which started its wonderful career in New York city in 1802 in a dingy house in Vandam street. There were two poor immigrants of the name who



(President of the Great Sugar Trust)

boiled sugar in the basement and lived on the ground floor. The sugar was sold at small profits. The two immigrant brothers were frugal and industrious. Their business grew legitimately, and they enlarged it. When the brothers died they left a comfortable business to the sons. F. C. Havemeyer, Jr., one of the sons, not only understood the sugar business, but was a graduate of Columbia college, too. When he reached his majority he took in his cousin, Henry O. Havemeyer is the son of F. C. Havemeyer, Jr., and the business has thus been carried down for three generations. Each generation has enlarged it and brought it nearer and nearer to perfection. Henry O. Havemeyer's whole life has been given up to the business of sugar refining. His brother, the late secretary, lived much abroad. Henry O. lived in the factories and in the trade. He has been the ruling and governing spirit of the business, and it was to his genius and foresight that the existence of the trust, with its vast trade and stupendous dependencies, is due. The story of the sugar industry in this country is the story of Mr. Havemeyer. His personality has been absorbed in his enormous business.

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The most striking feature of the queen's diamond jubilee festivities will be the naval review at Spithead June 24. Thirty miles of war ships will be drawn up in the Solent for inspection by the queen. The front line will be composed of 20 foreign ships. The remaining six lines will represent every type and rig of the British navy. The illumination of the fleet at night will be a display unique both for its brilliance and its magnitude.

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"Dr. C. H. Hitchcock, of Dartmouth, Prof. G. H. Barton, and probably a party from Yale will accompany me. We will get a ship at St. John's.

"At Whale sound I will get the Eskimo tribe there at work to collect supplies for the journey north for next year. The tribe which is known as Arctic Highlanders, is composed of 230 souls. They are the most wholly isolated human beings in the world. They are self-supporting and independent, and I know every man, woman and child in the tribe. They will accumulate during the winter supplies of walrus food, seals and bear skins and other material that will be needed for food and clothing. They will also collect the sledges, tents and will train 40 or 50 dogs. In this way there will be no unnecessary time lost when I am ready next year to start and fit out the caches in the journey far north.

"I shall bring them presents of biscuit, coffee, hatchets, knives and other things. Biscuits and coffee is a rare luxury among them; their diet consisting solely of meat, blubber, blood and water."

Ring Made of a Diamond.

A ring recently exhibited at Antwerp was the admiration of diamond cutters and merchants, because it was the first successful attempt to cut a ring out of a single stone. There are a great many difficulties in this method of cutting diamonds, as the stones have a certain cleavage and particular veins, all of which have to be carefully studied in order to prevent splitting just as often seems within reach. After several unsuccessful attempts and three years labor, the feat has been accomplished by the patience and skill of M. Anton, one of the best-known lapidaries of Antwerp. The ring is about six-eighths of an inch in diameter. In the Marlborough cabinet there is a ring cut out of one entire and perfect sapphire.

Railroad Route to India.

Railroad connection with India is again under discussion in England. A route now proposed runs from Port Said eastward across the peninsula of Sinai to the Gulf of El Akabah, and thence, following the thirteenth parallel of latitude, to Bussorah. From Bussorah the main line crosses the Shat-el-Arab and Karun rivers by swing bridges, and follows the coast line of the Persian Gulf and Makran to Kurrachee. Such a line would reduce the time between London and Kurrachee to eight days, and would run through regions where British influence is predominant and political complications attaching to lines of influence are avoided.

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, June 11.—Possible showers this afternoon, partly cloudy and cooler tonight; Saturday fair; fresh westerly winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kuck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 28-dst

German household dyes at Irwin's.

Ladies, don't forget Sunday night's illustrated lecture at the opera house—10-4d

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To Chicago for \$3 for Wabash trains of Saturday, June 19, at 8:45 and 11:45 a.m. and 1:05 Sunday morning, 20th.—8-dst

For first-class dyeing and cleaning and pressing take your clothing to Miller's. They are first-class practical dyers and dry cleaners, 146 North Main street.

Grand Free Entertainment every night at Powers' Grand Opera House. The International Vaudeville Company. 23-2d

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ODDITIES OF ENGLISH VILLAGES.

No Two of the Towns Are Alike in Any Essential Particulars.

Undoubtedly the most extraordinary township in England is that of Skiddaw, in Cumberland. It contains but one house, the occupier of which is unable to exercise the Briton's privilege of voting because there is no overseer to prepare a voters' list, and no church or other place of worship or assembly on which to publish one.

The most remote village in England is that of Farley-cum-Pitton. This truly rural spot is 30½ miles from the nearest railway station. As a contrast to this may be mentioned the hamlet of Ystrad, about ten miles from Cardiff. This tiny settlement possesses two important main roads, two railways and two large rivers.

A very unique feature is exclusively claimed by Trimley, a small village in Suffolk. In the one churchyard of the parish two churches are to be seen. Service is conducted three times a week in each of these churches.

The deepest well in England is found at Hamilton, in Hampshire. It stretches 350 feet below the surface of the earth. About half-way down this well shaft is a subway, three miles in length, which leads to the seacoast.

On the top of the parish church tower in Bicknoller, Somersetshire, is a yew tree, now five feet high, and still growing in a hasty fashion. It is generally believed that the tree owes its origin to a seed dropped by a bird.

Perhaps the most splendidly decorated church in the kingdom is that of Whitley Court, Worcestershire. It is entirely constructed of white marble, the pews are chastely carved, and the pulpit is of genuine Carrara marble, richly paneled with precious stones.

On the village green at Meriden in Warwickshire, there is a large stone cross, which is supposed to mark the central point of England.—Pearson's Weekly.

Some for ten, some for twenty and some for thirty years have suffered from piles and then have been quickly and permanently cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and all forms of skin diseases. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krohn.

The Mason county school teachers are to hold their annual institute in Mason City commencing June 15 and continuing for three weeks.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT.—It is a terrible accident to be burned or scalded, but the pain and agony and frightful disfigurements can be quickly overcome without leaving a scar by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krohn.

A needle was removed from the hip of a child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keller of Peoria, after having been imbedded for three months.

COMMENCEMENT.

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Still loyal to their hearts' love shall remain,
Old High School, forever and aye.
Class Notes.
Much of the well known progress made in the high school during the past four years may be credited to the class of '97. During its first year the class originated the idea of forming the civil "government classes into legislative bodies and the same plan has been carried out by each succeeding class and has been of great value to the students. In its second year the class perfected an organization, selected a class yell and class colors, and did all in its power to stir up a class spirit. This class was the first to carry out other plans which were new ideas.

The pin of the class of '97 is in the shape of a Fleur de lis, enamelled in dark blue and on it in gold letters are the initials, "D. H. S. '97."

Alfred Gleason is one of the youngest members in the class and is also the smallest, being four feet and eleven inches in height. He proved to be the smartest member of the class as he won the scholarship and class honors. The tallest member of the class is Ralph Mills and he is Gleason's particular friend, the two always being seen together.

Walter Mills, the member of the class who received the appointment to the United States military academy at West Point, found it necessary to leave before the close of the term, but will be given his diploma, as he has kept up well in his studies during the entire four years.

The boys of the class this year have established a new plan in regard to graduation suits. It has always been the rule for the boys to wear full dress or frock coats, but this year a large number of them were attired in sack coats. The boys say they made the new rule for the sake of economy.

Charles M. Steele has been elected secretary of the class and it will be his duty to keep a record of the members of the class and publish the same each year. On the 15th of May every year members are requested to report to him their names and addresses and incidents relative to their lives since their graduation. This will preserve the memory of the class and will to a great extent keep the members acquainted with each other.

The young ladies who acted as ushers on the lower floor of the opera house were as follows: Misses Edith Carter, Su Maris, Noy Montgomery, Marie Powers, Gyp Mallif, Laura File, Zella Ewing, Golden Danely, Deanie Hamsher, Leah Ayres, Gertrude Phillips Daisy Fletcher, Irene Sikes and Clara Taylor. The following were the students who were the ushers in the balcony: Ben Imboden, John Clary, Rice De Groot, Clyde Leach and George Ayres.

The decorations in the opera house were arranged and carried out by the members of the junior class and to those young people much credit is due for the taste displayed in arranging the flowers in the opera house.

Wayne Williams, one of the class, will teach next year at the Boiling Springs church. After a few years teaching he expects to go to college and study law.

Ed Odor expects to go to Iowa where he will work this summer on a farm.

Ira Clokey will study all summer and will enter Harvard college in the fall.

Bryan Vail expects to attend one of the eastern colleges next year.

Henry Stevens will go to Anderson, Indiana, this summer. He expects to find a position in a bank either at that or some other place.

Abner Brinklinger will work for his father, D. Brinklinger.

Many of the other boys will seek employment of some kind this summer. There are a number who expect to attend college but will work for several years before doing so.

Total Number of Graduates.

Since its establishment 809 persons, including the class of '97, have graduated from the Decatur high school. Each year there has been an increase in the number. The following figures will show the number of graduates each year in the history:

1867	4	1888	59
1868	5	1889	31
1869	6	1890	36
1870	8	1891	19
1871	9	1892	66
1872	6	1893	66
1873	12	1894	31
1874	9	1895	56
1875	13	1896	56
1876	10	1897	54
1877	23	1898	59
1878	19	1899	49
1879	15	1900	76
1880	23	1901	60
1881	18	1902	57
1882	17		869

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

A. J. Smith, Gov. of the Soldiers' Home in Leavenworth, Kas., with His Wife and Daughter Have Narrow Escape.

Leavenworth, Kas., June 11.—An attempt was made this morning upon the life of Andrew J. Smith, governor of the soldiers' home, and his wife and daughter. Dynamite was used and the explosion nearly demolished the beautiful residence. Mr. Smith was directly over the explosion and was cut and bruised and completely prostrated, but it is not thought seriously injured. The governor and his daughter were not injured. Joseph W. Oliver, a dishonorably discharged veteran, has been arrested. There is strong evidence against him.

Mr. and Mrs. Milligan, of this city, will appear for the first time in Decatur on the 20th instant. Come to the Opera house in addition to the fine programs.

HOME FROM THE CAPITAL

Return of the Odd Fellows from Springfield—Died Nine Work.

The dedication staff and the degree staff of Decatur Lodge No. 65, Odd Fellows, were at Springfield yesterday and did very meritorious work in the public dedication of the splendid new hall in the magnificent temple.

The members of the dedication staff were: T. O. Kitchen, grand master; D. E. Baldwin, grand warden; J. H. Gregor, grand chaplain; W. A. Bright, grand marshal; W. E. Pease, grand herald of the north; H. J. Votaw, grand herald of the south; C. M. Borobers, grand herald of the east; L. W. Fribourg, grand herald of the west; W. S. Martin, grand outside herald; L. H. Martin, grand inside herald. All the grand dedicatory officers were clothed in the turbans, robes and sandals, symbolic of the office represented by each. The ceremonies were beautiful and impressive.

In the evening the first, second, third and fourth degrees were conferred upon thirty-one candidates by the Decatur degree staff, whose members are:

Captain of Staff—L. W. Fribourg.

First Assistant—W. E. Pease.

Second Assistant—W. A. Bright.

Secretary—I. N. Martin, Jr.

Members—T. C. Kitchen, J. H. Gregor,

C. M. Borobers, D. E. Baldwin, H.

Votaw, L. H. Martin, W. S. Martin,

George H. Ashton, L. L. Underwood, T.

J. Lloyd, A. Seller, A. H. Barrett, W.

Ulrich, C. D. Jones, M. Grant, W. G. Gring,

A. Reubens, J. H. Bauer, W. H. Lyon,

C. A. Rucker, S. O. Stewart and A.

W. Knapp.

Decatur was highly complimented. The visitors returned home this morning. They were kept at work until 8 a. m.

Died at Calumet.

Mrs. John A. Shaffer, formerly of this city, died at Culom, Livingston county Ill., Monday of this week. The funeral took place at Chatworth Wednesday at 11 a. m. George W. Shaffer and Mrs. Clara Lee of this city attended the funeral, and arrived home Wednesday night.

Excursion to Mackinaw.

The Grace M. E. Sunday school will give an excursion and picnic to Mackinaw Thursday, June 17. Friends of the school and the public generally are very cordially invited to go with them. Fare for the round trip 50 cents, children under 16 years 25 cents. The train will leave the Union depot at 7:30 a. m.—11-42d.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Mrs. John Perl, who has been seriously ill, is much improved.

—Will Mento, who has been spending a week in Platte county for his health, has returned home.

—L. B. Lee, former principal of the High school, attended the commencement exercises. He was on his way elsewhere and stopped off to meet old friends.